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The Honorable Tom Coburn, MD  
United States Senate  
Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management,  
Government Information, and International Security  
Washington, DC 20510-3604

Dear Senator Coburn:

Thank you for your letter of July 27, 2006 concerning the recognition of congressionally-directed funding awarded to the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. Our institution is very proud of the scientific and engineering programs recognized through the many awards mechanisms afforded to higher education by the federal government. We greatly value these processes and have found that congressionally-directed awards have afforded our institution the opportunity to rapidly add to the body of knowledge in the theoretical and applied sciences. Among our many accomplishments are those efforts to provide extensive education and training for the multiple first-responder communities that are on the frontline of defending the homeland.

As you stated in your letter, I wish to acknowledge that our institution shares your commitment to advancing science that provides life-changing innovations and discoveries. We take very seriously the responsibility of the stewardship entrusted to our institution. Congressionally-directed awards have helped to increase the research infrastructure at our institution. This, in turn, has helped us to compete for peer-reviewed funding.

I look forward to an opportunity to discuss the values we share in advancing our Nation and its intellectual capacity.

Sincerely,

Daniel H. López, Ph.D.  
President